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1. ZAIRE'S DELEGATION TO PARIS PREPCON IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE ZOLA KINKELA MPAKA, KATENDAKANA PUMBULA, AND GAHUNGA RUTI. ALL ARE ADDRESSED AS "CITOYEN (FIRST NAME)"--EXAMPLE: CITOYEN ZOLA. BASIC BIO INFORMATION FOLLOWS:

2. ZOLA KINKELA MPAKA. ZOLA WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION. HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR-GERERAL OF ZAIRE'S NEW MINERAL-MARKETING ORGANIZATION, SOZACOM, SINCE ITS CREATION IN NOVEMBER 1974. BETWEEN DECEMBER 1972 AND NOVEMBER 1974 HE WAS A COUNSELOR IN THE BUREAU OF THE PRESIDENCY WHERE HIS DUTIES INCLUDED OVERSEEING GECAMINES, THE STATE OWNED COPPER COMPANY. ZOLA ALSO HAD SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S AID EFFORTS IN ZAIRE, NOTABLY THE BUILDING OF A STADIUM. ZOLA ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRE DE BRUXELLES AND RECEIVED A
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CIVIL ENGINEERING DEGREE IN 1971, AFTER WHICH HE

WORKED FOR A CONSULTING-ENGINEERING FIRM UNTIL HIS RETURN TO ZAIRE IN 1972. HE IS AROUND THIRTY YEARS OLD AND SPEAKS ONLY FRENCH AND LINGALA.

3. KATENDAKANA PUMBULA. KUTENDAKANA BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RELATIVELY RECENTLY. AS SUCH HE IS ONE OF THE FOUR DIRECTORS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH IS QUITE A JUMP FROM HIS PREVIOUS POST AS HEAD OF BILATERAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. HE HAS TAUGHT NIGHT CLASSES IN DIPLOMACY AND POLITICS AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES AND MAINTAINS STRONG CONTACTS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN KINSHASA. KUTENDAKANA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A GOOD MAN WITH WORDS AND HAS WRITTEN SPEECHES FOR PRESIDENT MOBUTU, ESPECIALLY WHEN MOBUTU HAS BEEN ON TRIPS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. HIS STRONG SUIT IS CONSIDERED TO BE DIPLOMACY; HE HAS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN THE SORT OF ISSUES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE RAISED AT THE PARIS MEETING. HE SPEAKS FRENCH.

4. GAHUNGA RUTI. GAHUNGA (PRONOUNCED GU-OON-GU) HOLDS THE TITLE OF DELEGUE-GENERAL ADJOINT OF PETRO-ZAIRE, THE RECENTLY NATIONALIZED OIL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY. HE IS RUMORED TO BE RELATED TO BISENGIMANA, ONE OF MOBUTU'S CLOSEST ADVISORS. AS THE MANAGER OF A SHELL BLENDING PLANT HERE IN KINSHASA, HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEES OF SHELL OIL COMPANY. SINCE JANUARY 1974 HE HAS MADE TRIPS TO ALGERIA, LIBYA, ITALY, IRAN, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND BELGIUM TO BUY CRUDE AND FINISHED PRODUCTS AS PART OF HIS NEW DUTIES WITH PETRO ZAIRE. HE IS ABOUT 38-40 YEARS OLD; HIS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE DEGREE WAS OBTAINED IN BELGIUM. RECENTLY HE SPOKE AT AN ENERGY CONFERENCE ARRANGED AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HERE. AN AMERICAN WHO HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH GAHUNGA DESCRIBES HIM AS A NERVOUS AND AMBIVALENT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A POOR ADMINISTRATOR, MODERATELY INTELLIGENT, HE SPEAKS CONFIDENTIAL

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